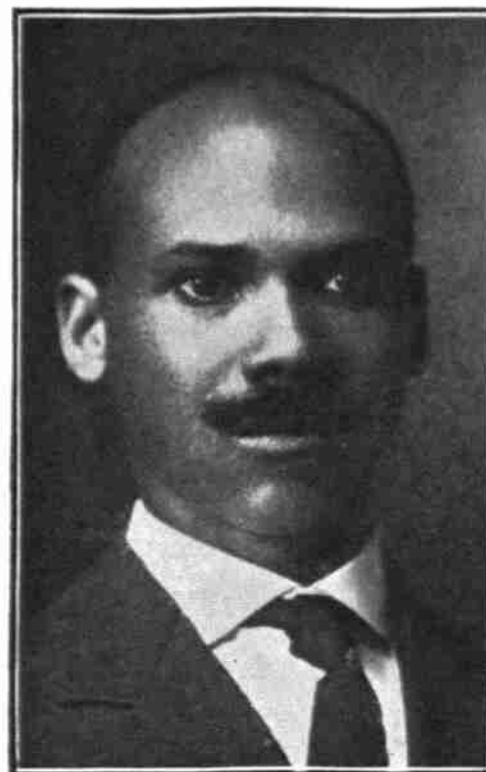


Dr. J. A. Kenney

Tuskegee, Ala.

DR. KENNEY is resident physician of Tuskegee Institute.

He was born in the county of Albemarle, Virginia, July 11, 1874, in a three-room log cabin. At the age of seven years he went to a school taught by a young teacher just graduated from



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Hampton Institute. His father, though uneducated, was largely instrumental in the establishment of this school. His father died when the boy was fourteen years old. During the next two years, he managed the farm, attending school from two to four months in the winter, working on neighboring farms at such times as he could.

In 1891, after serving as a waiter, he obtained employment in a grocery store, and opened a bank account for the saving of his earnings. One morning he wrote in his diary that he would study medicine. This was the beginning of a great work.

In 1893, he entered the lowest class in Hampton Institute. He received three promotions in three months and graduated as valedictorian of the class. After three years of study he spent one year in the College Department of Shaw University, and then entered the Medical Department, graduating in 1901, receiving two gold medals for proficiency in chemistry and philosophy.

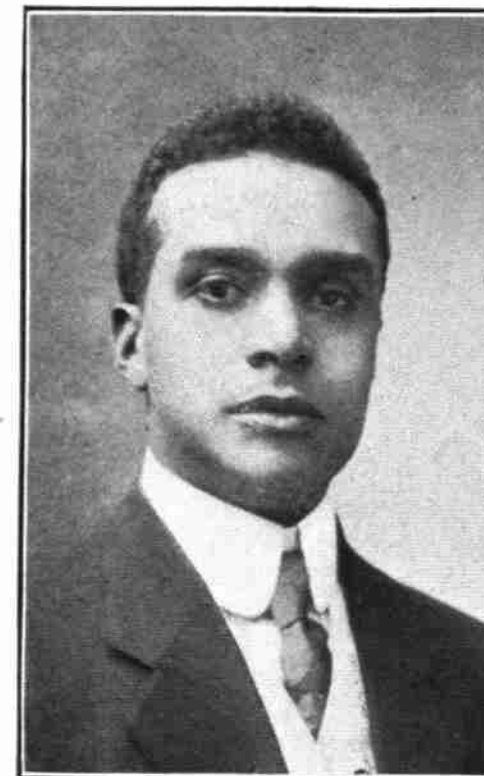
After graduating, he took the Virginia state medical examinations, receiving a certificate to practice medicine in the state. Later he entered the Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D. C., where he spent one year as interne, when he was called to Tuskegee Institute as resident physician in 1902. The work there has grown until there are in the hospital 45 beds and an average of 1,000 in-patients annually. There is also a nurse training-school with 30 nurses in training. In 1904, at a meeting of the National Medical Association, in Lexington, Ky., Dr. Kenney was chosen to administer anesthetics for the operations done at the clinics. He was also unanimously elected secretary of the organization, and has been reelected every year.

In 1908 he began work with a medical journal, the first ever published by Negroes.

James A. Cobb

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He was born in Oxford, Ala., in 1875. At the age of eleven he was thrown upon his own resources and was employed as assistant to a porter in a general merchandise store. He was too small to place the merchandise on the scales, but as he could read and write and figure accounts, the porter did the lifting, the boy the calculating, and the results were turned over to the bookkeeper.

Later he went to Shreveport, La., where he worked for two years for some Greeks who were candy makers.

He then was employed by a colored man of considerable means and took charge of his banking and other accounts. He completed his education at Straight University, New Orleans, La.; Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., and Howard University, Washington, D.C. He worked during the summers to provide means for his tuition during the winters. He was graduated from the law department of Howard University in 1899 with the degree of LL.B. In 1900 he was given the degree of A.M.; in 1902, the degree of Pd.B.

Admitted to the bar in 1901 he entered upon the practice of his profession. He was appointed special assistant attorney by Attorney-General Bonaparte, in 1907. He is a man of wealth, having investments in bank stocks, railroad securities, etc.

In answer to a question about himself, he said: "If what I have done may be considered success, I attribute it to the fact that early in life I decided what my vocation would be and that I have never diverted therefrom. Another reason for success is in the fact that I have always tried to be honest with my clients. While I have been accused of many things such as obstinacy and sometimes of inconsiderateness or perhaps recklessness in accomplishing a desired end, I have never been accused of dishonesty. This is the greatest pride of my life."